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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary dated September 8, 2008, Applicant makes of record the following substance of telephone interview with Examiners Luke E. Karpinski and Mina Haghighatian on September 2, 2008.

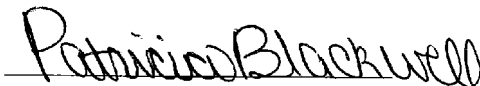
SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

We refer to the Interview Summary sent by the Examiner in this application in a letter dated September 8, 2008. Although no agreement was reached with the Examiner, there were discussions relating to the difference between ethoxylated fatty acids and alkoxylated fatty acids, the timeliness of the gelling, as well as possible further claim limitations pertaining to the surfactant.

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1. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition comprising at least one anionic surfactant together with at least one amphoteric surfactant, at least one non-ionic gelling agent and at least one post-foaming agent, characterised in that the ratio of anionic surfactant:non-ionic gelling agent is 4:1 or greater such that during manufacture the gel rigidity of the composition always remains substantially unchanged for at least 4 minutes after addition of the said post-foaming agent to the remainder of the composition, wherein the non-ionic gelling agent is selected from alkoxylated alcohols laureth-2, laureth-4, C12/13 pareth-3, cetareth-4, or oleth-3 alone or in combination, and wherein the at least one non-ionic gelling agent constitutes from about 0.01 to 8.0% by weight of the total composition.
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3. (Original) A post-foaming cleansing composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-ionic gelling agent consists of laureth-4.
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5. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is filled into a package prior to the gel structure being formed.
6. (Original) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the total surfactant constitutes from about 0.01% to about 30.0% by weight of the total composition.
7. (Original) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the post-foaming agent comprises at least one saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon having from 4 to 6 carbons.

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8. (Original) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.

9. (Previously Presented) A method for the manufacture of a cleansing composition comprising the steps of:- adding at least one non-ionic gelling agent to a mixture comprising at least one anionic surfactant, such that the ratio of anionic surfactant: non-ionic gelling agent is 4:1 or greater, combining the ensuing mixture with at least one post-foaming agent and filling the mixture into a package prior to a gel structure being formed and, wherein the gel rigidity of the composition remains substantially unchanged for at least 4 minutes after addition of the said post-foaming agent to the said mixture, wherein the non-ionic gelling agent is selected from alkoxylated alcohols laureth-2, laureth-4, C12/13 pareth-3, cetareth-4, or oleth-3 alone or in combination, and wherein the at least one non-ionic gelling agent constitutes from about 0.01 to 8.0% by weight of the total composition

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17. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 3, wherein the total surfactant constitutes from about 0.01% to about 30.0% by weight of the total composition.

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21. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 3, wherein the post-foaming agent comprises at least one saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon having from 4 to 6 carbons.

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24. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 6, wherein the post-foaming agent comprises at least one saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon having from 4 to 6 carbons.

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26. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 3, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.

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29. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 6, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.

30. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 7, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.

31. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant comprises sodium lauryl ether sulphate.

32. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant includes alkali metal alkyl ether sulfates, sulfosuccinates, isethionates and acyl glutamates.

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33. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the post-foaming agent includes n-butane, iso-butane, n-pentane, iso-pentane, iso-hexane and mixtures thereof.

34. (Previously Presented) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the post-foaming agent includes iso-pentane.

35. (New) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition is filled into a final package, from which the composition is subsequently dispensed, prior to the gel structure being formed.

36. (New) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant comprises the major surfactant and thus constitutes more than 50 percent by weight of the total surfactant.

37. (New) A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the amphoteric surfactant includes cocamidopropyl betaine.

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The Applicant now files herewith a Statement reflecting the telephone interview conducted with Examiners Luke E. Karpinski and Mina Haghighatian on September 2, 2008. In view of discussions with the Examiners, further dependent claims have now been added to the application, namely claims 35-37. These further limitations even further clearly distinguish the present invention.

CONCLUSION

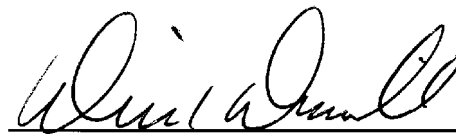
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims pending in the above-identified application are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the present application is found by the Examiner not to be in condition for allowance, then the Applicant hereby requests a telephone or personal interview to facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters. Applicant's attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number indicated below to schedule such an interview.

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Respectfully submitted,
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